

BOOK REVIEWS

VERGUNOV, A. P. AND V. A. GOROKHOV. 1988. *Russian Gardens and Parks*. 418 pp. Moscow: Nauka. Text in Russian.

The volume begins with an Introduction and is subsequently divided into two sections: 1) Developmental Stages of Garden and Park Art and 2) Creation of Garden and Park Compositions. There are 5 chapters in each of the sections. There are 83 colored photographs and numerous other black and white photographs as well as architectural illustrations. "This book deals with the specialised and little studied art of creating gardens and parks - artistic groups. On the basis of extensive factual material and the results of previous studies, the originality of this art's historical development in Russia from the times of Rus, before Czar Peter the Great's reign, to the turn of the 20th century has been shown for the first time. ... This book is intended for specialists: art experts, architects, artists, dendrologists, park and museum personnel and everybody who is interested in landscape architecture."

HIGNIGHT, K. W., J. K. WIPFE AND S. L. HATCH. 1988. *Grasses (Poaceae) of the Texas Cross Timbers and Prairies*. 174 pp. MP-1657. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, College Station, TX.

This publication contains several descriptive sections prior to the diagrammatic illustrations of the taxa: Introduction, The Grass Plant, Vegetative Parts, Inflorescence Types, and Spikelet Parts. There are 6 Figures of diagrammatic illustrations of the grass plant, inflorescence types, spikelet parts, and spikelets representing major genera and tribes. A checklist of the taxa precedes the Key to the Genera and the Key to Species. The "text" consists of diagrammatic illustrations of the species in alphabetical order (pp. 31 - 166) followed by a glossary, references, and index.

GOODRICH, S. and E. NEESE. 1986. Uinta Basin Flora. 320 pp. + xvii. USDA Forest Service-Intermountain Region, Ogden, Utah. Paperback.

The flora contains about 1,600 specific and subspecific taxa of vascular plants. Uinta Basin is bounded on the north by the crest of the Uinta Mountains, on the west by the divide of the Strawberry drainage, and on the south by the breaks of the West and East Tavaputs Plateaus (parts of Colorado and Utah). Contents include preface, introduction, history of collections, the flora, plant communities, acknowledgements, glossary, key to families, descriptive flora, excluded names, addenda, literature cited, and index.

MOERMAN, DANIEL E. 1986. Medicinal plants of Native America. Research reports in ethnobotany, contribution 2. Vol. 1, 2. 910 pp. The University of Michigan Museum of Anthropology Technical Reports, Number 19. University Museums building, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109.

A state of the art in ethnomedical data management. The medicinal uses of plants by 122 tribes from 92 references are summarized in two volumes. The first volume categorizes the tribal usage by plant taxon, genus and species and concludes with the bibliography. Volume 2 provides information of the medicinal uses of plants by Native Americans by the basic medical usage, by plant family and by group or tribe. These volumes will certainly be of use to scholars in anthropology, botany, geography, Native American studies, medicine and the allied health delivery sciences. This is the most important medical reference guide to Native American medical plants ever assembled. *John E. Ubelaker.*

VUILLEUMIER, FRANCOIS and MAXIMINA MONASTERIO (Editors). 1986. High Altitude Tropical Biogeography. Oxford University Press (and American Museum of Natural History), 200 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Cloth \$75.00. 649 pp.

This volume is recommended for all those interested in endemic, rare and endangered species, either plant or animal. WFM.